

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 16 JANUARY 2018

WEIGHT LIMIT ON NEWTON FARM BRIDGE BRECHIN.

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF TECHNICAL & PROPERTY SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report recommends that a permanent Order be promoted to limit the weight of vehicles using Newton Farm Bridge near Brechin.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) agree to the promotion and making of a Traffic Regulation Order restricting to 12.5 Tonnes the maximum weight of vehicles permitted to use Newton Farm Bridge near Brechin.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plans:

- Safe, secure, vibrant and sustainable communities.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 Newton Farm Bridge is the responsibility of Highways Agency - Historical Railways Estate and carries the east branch of Mill of Brathinch Road over a section of disused railway line. The most recent assessment of the bridge has indicated that the present structure is unsuitable for use by heavy vehicles.
- 3.2 Highways Agency - Historical Railways Estate has indicated that within their programme of bridge improvements this bridge would not be a high priority particularly in view of the nature of the local road network. As such it is possible that it will be some time before works are carried out to upgrade this bridge and it is considered therefore appropriate to implement a permanent weight restriction of 12.5 tonnes on this bridge in the meantime.
- 3.3 The promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order is required for enforcement purposes. A location plan of the affected bridge is shown in **Appendix 1**.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of implementing the revised proposals is £2000 which will be met from the 2018/2019 Roads Revenue Budget. Additional maintenance costs will amount to £200 per annum and this will require to be provided for in future years Revenue Budgets.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive, Strategic Director – Place Head of Corporate Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Scottish Fire & Rescue Services Area Manager and the local Police Commander for Tayside Division have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix 1 - Location Plan